



Kings Langley School News

Issue 33

A note from the Headteacher

I am writing to update you on the current situation regarding proposed industrial action.

You are likely to be aware that the latest round of negotiations between the Government and the teaching unions unfortunately have not resolved the current dispute. As a result, the NEU have declared two further strike days, which will take place on:

Wednesday 5th July 2023

Friday 7th July 2023

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over the level of funding schools receive along with terms and conditions for staff amongst other matters. The disagreement is not with Kings Langley School, with our staff stating this to our leadership team, but we will be affected by the strike on the dates above.

I would like to share with you our plans for students here at Kings Langley School for the dates above. Based on previous strike days we know our approximate staffing numbers and we can only accommodate two year groups in school. For the dates above we would like to invite Year 10 and 12 into school.

School Events

Monday 3rd July

Y12 Geography - Brick Lane Trip

Tuesday 4th July

Primary School Sports Festival

Drama performance / show rehearsal / Primary school matinee performance PM

Wednesday 5th July

Strike Day - Y10 & Y12 in only

Y12 Geography Oxford Trip.

District Sports Day.

Thursday 6th July

Sustainable Hertfordshire Youth Conference Trip 8am - 4.30pm

St Lauras Care Home Visit

Show Performance - Hall 6.30pm

Friday 8th July

Strike Day - Y10 & Y12 in only

Y8 report home

Y13 Governors drinks reception 6pm



On Wednesday 5th July 2023 and Friday 7th July only students in the following year groups should attend school:

- **Year 10**
- **Year 12**

Those students in Year 10 who have missed an internal mock exam will catch up on these days if necessary.

All other year groups we will move to online learning set via Microsoft TEAMS for the dates above. Please note, those members of staff taking strike action will not be setting work, as advised by their union, but tasks will be provided centrally for all students directly through their Microsoft TEAMS.

I ask that all cohorts in school bring with them their usual equipment and maintain the school uniform expectations during these dates. Those at home are to log on and try to follow a normal school routine within the MS TEAMS platform. Work and activities will be set either by non-striking teachers or members of the leadership team.

I once again state that teachers in school cannot cover for those colleagues who are on strike and as such we will only know on the day in question how we will cover all the lessons in school by the routes above.

Vulnerable Students - are permitted to attend school and a provision will be in place in the library and Learning Resources Centre staffed by Ms Hill. If you require this provision on these days, please complete the following form by 9am on 4th July 2023.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1AtYfKqM5GZkJ8mU5QjduFhJLtXQcfxgVstk5AfCi3W2sOQ/viewform?usp=pp_url

Free School Meals – provision will be via a voucher that will be emailed to the relevant parents before the 4th July 2023 and will cover both strike days.

Summary of year group information:

Year 10 - should attend school. Students will attend lessons as normal with non-striking teachers in school or be taught by senior leaders and where possible these will be subject specialists.

Year 12 - should attend school for lessons only. If teachers are not in school, students should report to the Sixth Form Centre and undertake independent study.



For those students attending school, buses will operate as normal. Our food service will be available at normal times.

Years 7, 8, and 9 should remain at home for the dates above and follow the work set on Microsoft TEAMS by staff who are not striking or senior staff.

Calendar Updates

5th July 2023

- Year 12 Geography Trip will continue as planned.
- District Sports Day will continue as planned.

7th July 2023

- Year 13 Governors Drinks Reception at 6pm will continue as planned.

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child in Year 7-9 for the remainder of the strike dates and/or that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and I ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

Kings Langley School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students and delivering high-quality teaching. We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

Kind regards



Mr D Fisher
Headteacher

Friends of Kings Langley School

Thank you for all donated tombola items and visits to our stall at last weekend's summer carnival. We raised £399, our best total ever!

It was good to see so many current students, former students and families supporting us on the day.

Also, thank you to the students, parents and colleagues who assisted on the day or before the day with preparations for the stall.

Ms M Chabrel - on behalf of Friends of Kings Langley School



Headteacher's Commendations



Congratulations to the following students that took part in the Carnegie Medals Celebration trip last week for their exemplary conduct as ambassadors for the school, and creative contributions to the activities and discussions.

Jai 10G, Sybella 10J, Irrum 7J, Marta 7J, Olivia 9C, Zaria 9C, Eleanor 9C, Harriet 9D, Leila 9D.



Congratulations to Kayleigh 8C for her outstanding effort in English showing stickability with her recent assessment.



Headteacher's Commendations



Congratulations to Hayden 7T who has been offered a two year contract with Northampton FC as their U13's goal keeper.



Congratulations to Juhi 12OHA who was presented with her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.





Recognition

Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something

Students of the Week w/c 26th June

Art	Paige 10E
For her positive and proactive attitude towards her artwork.	
Drama	Charlie 9C
Focused use of rehearsal when preparing for a short, scripted performance.	
Food Technology	George 7G
Amazing use of chopping techniques resulting in a beautiful vegetable soup, well done!	
Politics	Evie Y12
The highest mark in an A Level politics trial exam to date!	
History	Mason 9G
For his relentless commitment to GCSE history, even before starting the course, and for making good choices.	
Library	Lexie and Amy 7C
Brilliant, motivated and committed teamwork to get new books ready for the library shelves.	
Modern Foreign Languages	Stefan 9J
Fantastic recent Spanish homework score and consistently high performance throughout the academic year.	
Photography	Todd 12C
For approaching every project with a proactive point of view, in particular his recent very successful portrait photographs of students and staff.	
Philosophy, Religion, Ethics	Ariella 7J
In depth explanation and understanding of Plato's Allegory of the Cave.	
Textiles	Sam 7T
Showing stickability in textiles.	

Year 7 Head of Year	William 7J
For an excellent behaviour record and for developing into a good KLS student.	
Year 10 Head of Year	Zahra 10A
A consistently proactive student who always contributes with great input.	

Well done to all of our students who have achieved 'student of the week'.

Best at Bedrock! Week 36

All of these names have been placed into a prize draw which will be drawn at the end of the term.

Highest points earned in each year group

- **Freya- 7T (325 points)**
- Sophie- 8D (229 points)
- James- 9G (152 points)
- Babarafunmi- 10C (85 points)

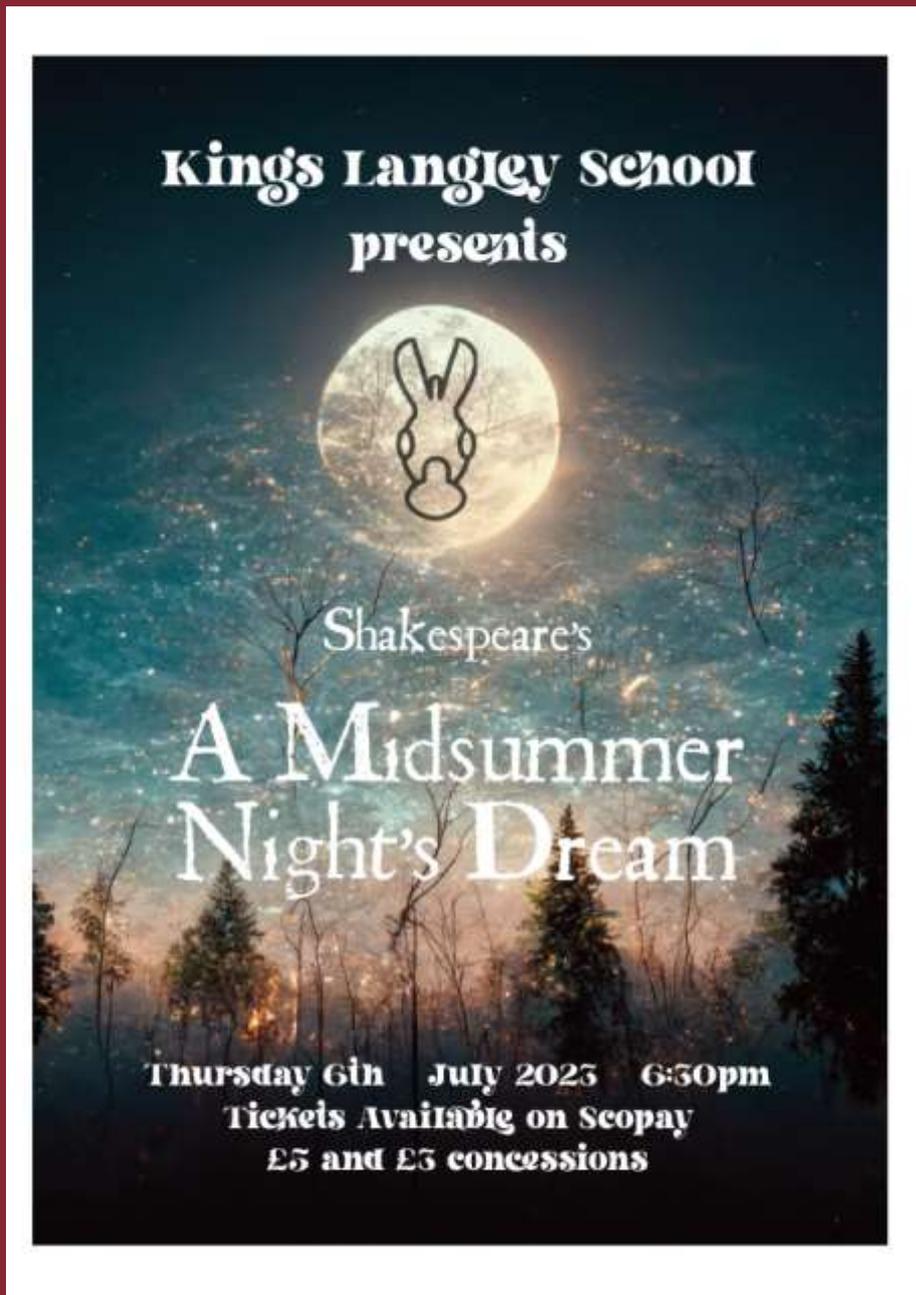
Highest progress made in each year group

- Sammy- 7G (313%)
- Lucas- 8G (185%)
- Justin- 9G (277%)
- **Olivia- 10D (450%)**



Drama News

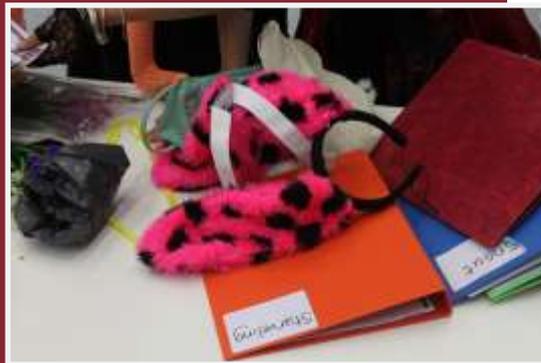
As show night draws closer the cast and crew of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' are working hard to get everything ready. We had a great rehearsal on Monday with many of the cast now fully kitted out in 80's costume to really help bring the show alive. Now we just need an audience, so if you haven't already, book your tickets on Scopay and come and join us! Show starts at 6.30pm, suitable for the whole family.



Drama News

On Thursday 22nd June we invited West End in Schools to run a workshop with 30 of our year 7 students. The workshop built on the work we are currently doing in drama on the play Macbeth. Students worked with workshop leader Kat to bring to the life the relationship between Macbeth and Lady Macbeth as they decide whether or not to kill the king. They also looked at the end of the play and the fight between Macbeth and Macduff, with even an opportunity for a quick lesson in stage combat to round off the workshop (and Macbeth!) The students were fantastic with some really thoughtful, clever and creative ideas for the roles bringing these scenes to life.

Olivia 7A: There was a drama workshop on the 22nd June and it was great! The instructor (Kat) got us to do all of these different facial expressions and movement exercises with the theme of Macbeth. I loved the workshop. It was really fun and very informative.



Sports News

Athletics

After her bronze medal success at the recent Hertfordshire Schools County Athletics Championships, it is great news to hear that Evie (11G) has been selected to represent the county at the National Athletics Championships in Birmingham this coming weekend. Evie will be live on the ESAA YouTube Channel and we all wish her the very best of luck.



Sports News

Sports Awards Evening

Our annual Sports Awards Evening will take place on Thursday 21st September and it is a great opportunity to celebrate the outstanding effort and achievements of our students. This year our special guest will be Mrs Judy Hashman. Mrs Hashman is a former American/English badminton player who won more major international titles than any other player of her era. Competing in the 1950s and 1960s, she remains the most successful female player in the All England Open Badminton Championships, winning a record 10 singles and 7 doubles titles. She also won 31 titles in the US Open Championships, plus numerous other titles across the world.



We are delighted to announce the nominations for the following awards.

Year 11 Sports Person of the Year Year 10 Sports Person of the Year

Max (11C)	Jessica (10G)
Oliver (11P)	Daisy (10G)
Jack (11A)	Aaron (10P)
Nicole (11J)	Billy (10J)
Alexus (11J)	Patrick (10P)
Sereena (11J)	Sharleez (10P)

Year 9 Sports Person of the Year Year 8 Sports Person of the Year

Lotta (9J)	Annabelle (8C)
Grace (9D)	Millie (8P)
Bethany (9C)	Sophie (8D)
Will (9J)	Harry (8C)
Seb (9G)	Zach (8D)
	Jack (8G)



Sports News

Year 7 Sports Person of the Year

Millie (7G)

Ava (7A)

Tom (7D)

Sam (7T)

Roma (7J)

Zayne (7D)



Young Official of the Year

Emily (9P)

Nicole (11J)

Young Leader of the Year

Nicole (11J)

Sereena (11J)

Patrick (10P)

Deniz (10D)

Eleanor (9C)

Outstanding Sportsmanship

Beau (8J)

Otis (8D)

Will (9P)

Evie (8J)

Amelia (7P)

Scarlett (9D)

Team of the Year

Year 7A Boys Football

U/13 Girls Football

Year 9 Boys Football

Year 10 Girls Netball

Year 10 Boys Football

Senior Trampolining Team



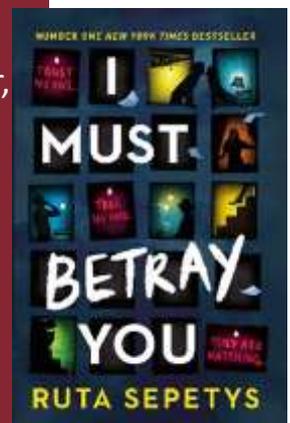
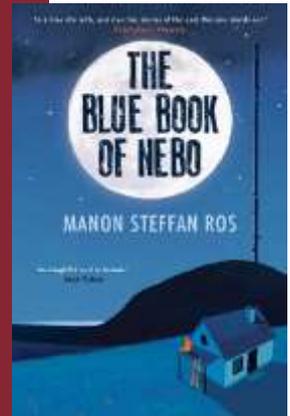
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On June 21st, a hand-picked group of keen readers visited John F Kennedy School to take part in the Dacorum Schools' celebration event for the Carnegie Medal, the UK's most prestigious prize for writing for young people.

At the celebration, KLS students had the opportunity to listen to a talk from mystery and thriller author Penny Joelson, who was previously nominated for the Carnegie Medal for her first novel, *I Have No Secrets*. She spoke to students about her journey to becoming a writer, how she develops her ideas, and why having main characters with disabilities is so important to her. Students also took part in a creative writing workshop led by Penny, which focussed on character development.

This year's shortlist consisted of seven fantastic books. Our students picked *I Must Betray You* by Ruta Sepetys as their favourite read, closely followed by *The Eternal Return of Clara Hart* by Louise Finch, and *The Blue Book of Nebo* by Manon Steffan Ros. When the national awards were announced, *The Blue Book of Nebo* was named the winner of the Carnegie Medal for Writing (selected by a panel of judges), while *I Must Betray You* was named the Shadower's Choice (voted on by students nationwide).

Our students were fantastic ambassadors for the school, showing great character and creativity.



STEM Challenge

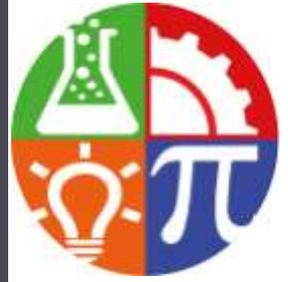
Five people were eating apples, A finished before B, but behind C. D finished before E, but behind B. What was the finishing order?

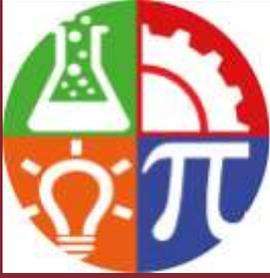
Answer next week:

Last weeks answer:

First I am dried, then I am wet. The longer I swim, the more taste you get. What am I?

Answer: Tea





STEM Fair 2023

This year's STEM fair was a successful event. Students from year 7 to 9 produced a range of interesting and innovative responses to the 5 STEM challenges. Students were eloquent and passionate in their explanations of their inventions which highly impressed the judges Mr Wright and Miss Scanlan. The overall standard of the competition was much higher than last year and we were delighted to see an increase in entries to the LEGO challenge and the innovation in the new recycling challenge.

Staff, students and their families enjoyed trying out the various games and subject challenges activities throughout the evening.

Congratulations to all the students who participate and special congratulations to the winners.

Overall STEM Evening winner

Harry and Joseph 8A

Recycling challenge winner

Zaria 9C

STEM invention challenge winner

George 7G, Joshua 7A and Adam 7D

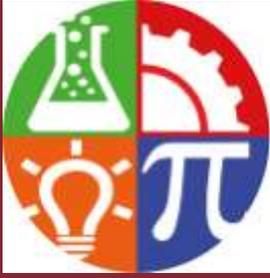
Lego Challenge winner

Max 8D

Cake challenge winner

Harry and Joseph 8A





STEM Fair 2023

Listed below are other students who entered the competition. They all did really well with some incredible projects, and the judge had difficulty in selecting the winners due to the high standard of product and presentations.

Recycling challenge

James 7A

Stem invention challenge

Otto and Jake 8G

Jess 7G and Kaylani 7T

Cake challenge

Roma and Rebecca 7J

Ava and Maddie 7A

Elsie and Emily 7A

Kairo, Isaac, Luke and Jake 7A

Purdey and Lyra 7T, Porche 7C Lexus 7T,

Pheobe 7A, Clara and Lucy Grimwood 7C

Lego Challenge

Hadley and Brian 7T

Olivia 7A and Jack 7A



**From the Sixth Form Team:
Congratulations Yr13 on
completing your A-Level exams**

Have a fantastic summer and good luck with your future destinations. Keep in touch.

We look forward to seeing you at the Governors' drinks reception and prom evening.

From the Sixth Form Team: Congratulations Yr11 on completing your GCSE exams



Before you go and enjoy the summer...

...we want to give you quick update on our sixth form for September 2023 and a few reminders about your application for Kings Langley Sixth Form.



We are on track to open our brand-new, purpose-built sixth form building ready for September. Our building will have amazing facilities including dedicated study area, lounge, café facilities with a premium hot drink vending machine, wellbeing/meeting room, sixth form study garden and outside spaces. Alongside this we have been preparing for a relaunch of the sixth form where we place educational excellence and student experience at the forefront of our provision. We have reviewed all policies and procedures to ensure that we provide young people with the best post-16 provision in the area where they are treated like young adults who will be fully prepared for all their future aspirations.



In addition, we recognise the need to respond to the socio-cultural changes that our students face, and with the new challenges that come with transitioning into adulthood. This is why we have developed a series of charters and guidance that ensure our young people feel safe, happy and able to express themselves. Actions are more important than documents so therefore, students joining us in September will notice how inclusive and supportive our sixth form community is.

Sixth Form Applications

September 2023

GCSE Results Day

We recognise that GCSE results day is a day of celebration and a time for rewarding yourself for all of the hard work you will have put into your GCSEs. Therefore, on results day you will find an envelope from KLS Sixth Form which will contain guidance on the next stage of your application, alongside your personalised application summary based on your actual GCSE results. Your personalised application summary will provide you with traffic light guidance on which subjects you are eligible to pre-enrol on based on subject entry criteria*.

We hope that you get the GCSE results you want however, if your results are unfortunately not what you expected, then you can either speak to us on GCSE results day, or request a personalised call-back where one of our team will be more than happy to discuss your application to KLS Sixth Form. We recommend celebrating your GCSE results first, then opening the envelope when you are ready.

If you are in the position where you haven't previously made an application to KLS Sixth Form but you have either, achieved better results than expected, or have changed your mind, don't worry, you will still be able to pre-enrol using the links provided on GCSE results day.

Online Pre-enrolment

This year we have received a record number of applications from students both at KLS and from external applicants so we have also introduced online pre-enrolment to begin the process of securing your place at KLS sixth form. All you will need to do is to visit the pre-enrolment link or scan the QR code given to you on results day and complete the required details. Physical attendance on **Monday 4th September, 11.30am-12.30pm** for our enrolment day is required. If you are not going to be present on results day and wish to pre-enrol, please let us know by emailing us, 6form@kls.herts.sch.uk so that we are aware of your intentions.

Enrolment Day

Enrolment day is where we officially welcome you to KLS Sixth Form, discuss your subject selection with subject leaders, and sign your contracts of learning. Our learning support team will also be available for students with specific learning needs, to ensure we can support you seamlessly, in transition into the sixth form. Enrolment day will also be the opportunity to explore our brand new sixth form building and find out what exciting events we have planned for your sixth form journey.

If you require any further information or would like to discuss your application, please do not hesitate to contact us on 6form@kls.herts.sch.uk

Haven't applied for Kings Langley Sixth Form? You can still apply for a place at our sixth form by clicking the link below or scanning the QR code:

<https://forms.office.com/r/8fgevaLA3N>

Sixth Form Internal Application
2023



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SIXTH FORM
READY FOR YOUR FUTURE

KLSix

Proposed South-West Elevation

BUY A BRICK

We are inviting you to help us to take our new sixth form building project to the next level by sponsoring one or more bricks and help create a legacy for the school and wider community.

Each brick sponsored will improve the facilities within our exciting new build project making the space the best around.

Individual bricks can be purchased for £5 (multiple bricks can be sponsored).

Corporate bricks can also be sponsored a minimum donation of £50 (no upper limit).

Each brick will form a permanent feature artwork wall with your name or company name engraved on a brick. Leave your mark and legacy on this exciting build.

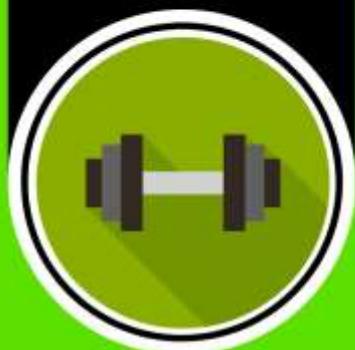


Scan the QR code to make a donation to our 'Buy a Brick Project' or contact Mr Tubb (Principal Assistant Headteacher & Head of Sixth Form) for further information and to ask how to get involved. [Kings Langley School Sixth Form Centre - Buy a Brick Project - JustGiving](#)

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- Supports positive wellbeing
- Encourages positivity
- Provides motivation
- Increase happiness
- Make friends



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THURSDAY 4TH MAY**

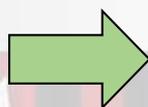
Attendance Ladder

*MORE TIME IN SCHOOL =
MORE TIME TO LEARN!*

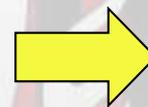
4 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



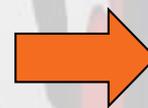
7 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



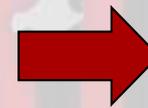
9 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



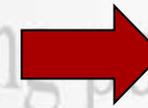
11 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



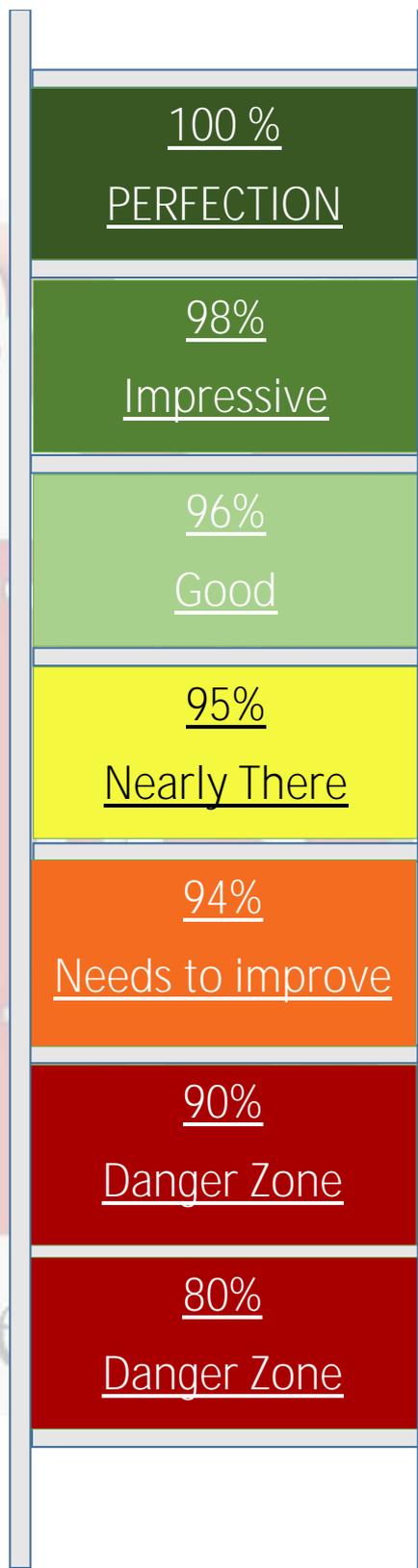
19 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



2 MONTHS
OFF EACH YEAR



Nationally, only 35% of students who miss between 10% - 20% of school go on to achieve 5 GCSEs at grade 9 to 4 (A* - C)





The summer holidays are fast approaching, and Aldi has teamed up with Team GB and Paralympics GB to give young people the chance to try over 50 Olympic and Paralympic sports.

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To get involved simply **download our free Summer Challenges leaflet** to ignite your students' passion for sports and get them excited to try something new. Then send the message, and your excited students, home to families.

Help us discover the next generation of gold medallists and sporting heroes by giving students a taste for sports this summer!

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